

St. Joseph's Parish



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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 10/11/15	Feb 7/8	March - No Baptisms - Lent
April 18/19	May 9/10	June 13/14
July 11/12	Aug 15/16	Sept 19/20
Oct 17/18	Nov 7/8	Dec 5/6
Jan 9/10/16		

Sacrament of Marriage

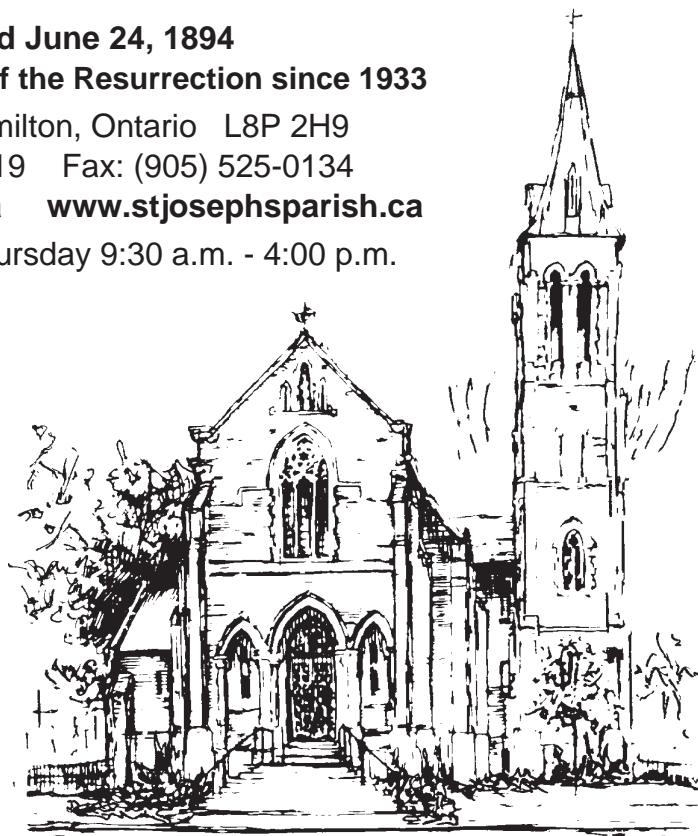
Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Parish Council Chair: Peter Gauthier 905.526.9395

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Margaret Puchalski 905.389.7675



Ministry to Shut-Ins and the Sick:

If you are unable to attend church, we can make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact the office.

If you are sick or preparing for surgery, please contact the office and arrange for one of the priests to celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Because of privacy laws, we have no way of knowing if a parishioner is in the hospital unless someone tells us; so please let us know if you would like a hospital visit. And we would encourage you not to wait until someone is unconscious or near death since the prayers are intended to help heal and support the sick persons in their time of illness.

Interested in becoming Roman Catholic:

Contact the office regarding the RCIA.

Religious Education for Children not in Catholic Schools:

Please contact the office.

Vocational Information:

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. at crvocations@gmail.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LAY MINISTERS for MARCH 7-8

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Lilli Schikolenko Cathy Brogly	Kathleen Dekker Joachim Brouwer Lynda Narducci	Donna McGreal Mark Mindorff Josie Shea
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeannie Milani Sr. Maureen Sweeney Carole O'Brien	Judy Santi-DeRubeis Yolande Athulathmudali Roberta Weiss	Bernice Clark Mike Scozzaro Diane Shea Filomena Tassi Clara Wallman
Servers	Maya Schikolenko	Sylvia Kukucska Marguerite Kukucska	Jan Dick Gwynn Dick

St. Joseph's Social Justice Group

"Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment, and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights."

Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel, 212

Supporting women and girls is a priority for Development & Peace. When 276 girls were kidnapped by Boko Haram from Chibok in Nigeria, our local partner began working for their freedom and has managed to smuggle three girls to safety. Here is how he describes the girls, aged 17, 18, and 19:

"Their voices and lost eyes betray deep pain...glimmers of humanity shine through only when they courageously recount the details of their escape."

Please support the *Share Lent* collection this Lent on March 22, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Special envelopes will be in the pews and are also in your envelope box.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENT

All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, Marc 11 for ***Sow Justice, Sow Love***, a panel discussion on ecological farming both locally and in Guatemala. For more information see our blog at www.sjsj.ca/blog

World Day Of Prayer - The Bahamas

Jesus said "Do You Know What I Have Done to You?"

Friday, March 6, 2015, 12 noon. Church of St. John the Evangelist (Corner of Locke & Charlton, Hamilton) Helen Norris, Helping Hands Street Mission, Hamilton

Light reception to follow.

Rejoice, the Messiah is Coming! Howard Dyck will conduct the Nota Bene Baroque Players & Singers accompanied by four outstanding soloists. The exceptional calibre of the Nota Bene Baroque Players & Singers are not to be missed! Please invite your family and friends for this most beloved choral work in the English speaking world!

St. Joseph's Parish, Sat., Mar. 28th, 7:30pm. Tickets \$35
Tickets available at www.NotaBeneBaroque.ca or
reserve by calling 1-866-303-0009 Reception to follow at the back of the church immediately following performance.

Desk Scribbles . . . 2nd Sun Lent . . . March 1, 2015 . . .
Jim Link, CR
Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34;
Mark 9:2-10

British born Quaker and founder of the state of Pennsylvania, William Penn, once wrote: "No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown."

In our first reading this Sunday we journey to the mountain with Abraham who has been asked by God to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, as a proof of his faith and trust.

Scripture scholars believe this story was told as a definitive rejection by the Israelites of the contemporary practice of child sacrifice to appease the gods among their pagan neighbors. As readers we are privileged to know the outcome of this story but the philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard wrote a marvelous reflection on what may have been going through Abraham's heart and head in the three days it took him to get to the mountain with Isaac. Was this really God's will? Did God really ask me to give up the only son I have? What kind of God would make such an horrendous request? The questions were endless. Ultimately, when Abraham arrived at the mountain, he would have to make a decision about what he was going to do. Patricia Sanchez [*Celebration*, National Catholic Reporter Pub. Co., Kansas City, MO: March 2015] writes: "As we consider Abraham's faith, we might reflect on the fact that every one of us has an Isaac, something or someone without which or whom we think we could not go on. Would you be willing to offer your Isaac to God?"

In the transfiguration story of the gospel Jesus tells his disciples not to say anything about what happened on the mountain. Why? Because they would not understand that the ultimate transfiguration is not going to happen without first going through the pain and suffering of the cross. As William Penn reflected in the opening quote, without the cross there will be no crown. And yet the experience of transfiguration or some glimpse into God or some glimpse into God or experience of God's presence and love for us seems necessary for us to keep going. After all, we are human. Even Abraham was not operating in a vacuum; he had grown in relationship to this God who gifted him with a son in his old age, a son that he never expected to get.

MARCH 1, 2015



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, MARCH 2
NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00a.m. Virginia Cirone The Lynch Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00a.m. Patricia Romain Liam & Joan Scanlan

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00a.m. Esther Ollman Dan Ollman

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:00a.m. Intentions Of The Benefactors Of The
Congregation of the Resurrection

7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5 p.m. Deceased members of the O'Dwyer Family
The Family
Apolonija Skapars Rita & Astrida Silis

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:30a.m. For All The People of St. Joseph's Parish

11:30a.m. For the Intentions of Margaret Son & Family



Our OFFERTORY Collection figures
For the week of Feb. 28/Mar. 1 was \$5,124.75

The Serra Club of Hamilton continues to welcome new members! We are seeking people to come together one evening a month, at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, to promote and support vocations to the "Priesthood" and "Religious Life". We share a meal, invite speakers and plan ways to encourage young men and women to listen to God's call. SERRAN's find ways to do this work in our everyday world of office, home, factory, and family. Next meeting March 9th. beginning with mass at 6pm. and followed by our meal. For more information call or email, Marjorie Mullen, President at 905-385-8992 or m.mullen@shaw.ca or John Esposto V.P. Memberships at 519-756-4256 or jjesposto@gmail.com

CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE

Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Volunteer Income Tax Program will be offering this service for low income Canadians whose annual income was approximately \$30,000 or less for singles, and approximately \$40,000 or less for families. The tax clinics focus is St. Joseph parishioners and our neighbours within the parish boundaries. **Please do not call the St. Joseph's Parish office as this service is provided by CVITP volunteers. This free income tax service will run from Mar. 9th-Apr. 16, 2015. (no clinics during Holy Week, Mar. 30-Apr. 2) Hours are Monday 10:00am.-12:00noon & Every Thursday from 5:00pm.-7:00pm. at St. Joseph Church, (meeting room below the office) at 460 Herkimer St., Hamilton.** Your return will be prepared and EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork will be available for pick-up after your return has been EFILED.

THANK YOU!

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all who brought a soup and all who joined us for our Soup and Solidarity Meal on Ash Wednesday. It was a great start to our Lenten Campaign, to share good food and fellowship. The community raised \$330.00 for Development and Peace initiatives.

A Lifeline for Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue..or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's or 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information, or registration for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 13-15, 2015 in Niagara Falls please call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouville1@cogeco or visit the website at www.retrouville.org**

Notice to our Lectors

Because we will be celebrating baptism at the Easter Vigil, the church requires that we celebrate the scrutinies for our candidates on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. On those Sundays we will be using the Cycle "A" readings and not "B" since the Cycle "A" readings were chosen specifically for baptism.

I am reminded of St. Mother Theresa's writing which she did not want published lest people misunderstood. She had an overwhelming experience of God calling her to leave her religious community and start another one that was focussed on caring for the poor and dying in Calcutta. But from that initial experience until her death she did not experience God again in the same way. Mother Theresa lived in darkness and in the absence of God. She said it was God's way of keeping her humble and reminding her that what she was doing was God's work and not hers. We too may not experience God in a daily way or feel God's presence but the very fact that we believe in God at all is evidence that God has touched us and moved us somewhere, sometime in our lives or otherwise we would not even be asking the questions.

The season of Lent offers us a perfect time to reflect on how we have come to know God and how God has touched us in our lives. These are our moments of transfiguration. Recognizing and identifying our moments of encounter with God will help to keep us going and remain committed to the journey. But like Peter, James, John and Mother Theresa, we can't stay on the mountain; at some point we have to return to the real world. There are no shortcuts to glory, no by-passes around life. With Abraham we too have to journey in faith and trust, striving to make the best decisions we can in the moment without knowing the end of the story but believing that ultimately in God it will all work out. "No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown."

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